

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 563
By McAfee

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gordon L. Davenport of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Gordon L. Davenport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in 1952 and from Dartmouth College in 1956; and

WHEREAS, he was former president of Krystal fast-food restaurant chain and also served admirably as chairman of the board of DavCo Food Inc., a business that operated Wendy's restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was a key promoter in the building of the Max Finley Stadium/ Gordon L. Davenport Field, and a large contributor and catalyst for raising funds for its construction; and

WHEREAS, he is also one of the founders of the United States Football League, served as mayor of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., from 1982-84; served as president of the Chattanooga Chapter of the National Football Foundation and as a member of the Lookout Mountain School Board; and

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WHEREAS, the legacy Mr. Davenport leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Leland Hume Davenport; and was the proud parent of Gordon Davenport, Jr., William Hume Davenport, and Mary Leland Davenport; and

WHEREAS, to many the death of Mr. Davenport is a tremendous loss and without his energy, commitment, and drive Max Finley Stadium/ Davenport Field would never have become a reality; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Gordon L. Davenport, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gordon L. Davenport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.